

North Beach welcomes the 32nd Annual Miami Beach Festival of the Arts

The Miami Beach Coldwell Banker Festival of the Arts 2006 will be held February 11 and 12 at Ocean Terrace (east of Collins from 73 to 75 streets). The annual arts festival is an enriching cultural arts experience with captivating activities for the whole family to enjoy. Admission and parking are free.

This signature community event showcases the artwork of 150 artists from across the nation. Artwork is juried and prestigious cash prizes are awarded. Proceeds collected year round from local Patrons of the Arts generate pre-sale coupons used to purchase artwork at the event.

Visitors come to browse and buy the fine art on exhibit while enjoying the cultural and performing arts. Ocean Terrace offers an open-air band shell, activity center, and beach bowl with on-going music, dance, theater, arts and crafts, storytelling, and international cuisine throughout the event for children of all ages.

The Miami Beach Festival of the Arts is produced by the North Beach Development Corporation with support from the City of Miami Beach's Fine Arts Board. For more information, call 305.673.7577 or visit miamibeachfl.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Planning Board Meeting 
January 24, 1:30 p.m., Commission Chambers

ING Miami Marathon
January 28 & 29

Board of Adjustment Meeting 
February 3, 9:00 a.m., Commission Chambers

G.O Bond Oversight Committee Meeting 
February 6, 5:30 p.m., Commission Chambers


Design Review Board Meeting 
February 7, 8:30 a.m., Commission Chambers

Miami Beach Festival of the Arts
February 11 & 12

International Boat Show
February 16 - 20

South Beach Wine & Food Festival
February 24 - 26

 For more, go to miamibeachfl.gov and click on **calendar**.

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DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT Community Resource Outreach and Answer Center

CityPage features at least one City of Miami Beach department/division profile a month, highlighting their key duties and how they are making Miami Beach a better place.

The Neighborhood Services Department directs the resources of various divisions to focus on the needs of individual residents and Miami Beach's 13 neighborhoods. The NSD gives residents the tools they need to access local government and voice their concerns; and helps residents identify needs and priorities for their neighborhoods.

The Community Resource Outreach and Answer Center is the one-stop shop for all residents, civic groups and neighborhood associations to exchange information with all City departments. The members of this division address citizens' inquiries and needs through a tracking system and various outreach efforts. This division also facilitates public/private partnerships seeking to resolve neighborhood issues and coordinates informational workshops of a variety of issues affecting residents.

The Miami Beach Answer Center: 305.604.CITY (2489)
TTY: 305.673.7218 is the place to begin looking for answers.

North Shore Teen Club Explores Peace River



The North Shore Teen Club was rewarded with a field trip for their efforts in organizing last month's North Shore Park's Winter Wonderland event. Twenty-seven members of the Teen Club traveled to Peace River in Arcadia last month for a two-day canoe and camping adventure, sponsored by the City of Miami Beach Parks & Recreation Department. The journey to the wild outdoors was chosen because many of the teens had never experienced such a trip.

The teens spent the night at North Shore Park to prepare themselves for the four-hour bus ride to Arcadia the following morning. Upon arrival at the Canoe Outpost, they were amazed by the sight of deer running across the landscape. They loaded 18 canoes with their camping gear and set off on a 23-mile adventure down Peace River that included alligator and otter sightings. They arrived at their camp site on the riverbank; set up their own tents; and collected firewood for the evening bonfire. They roasted marshmallows and talked into the wee hours of the morning. The following day, the teens broke down the camp site and packed it all into their canoes for the eight-mile trek back to the Canoe Outpost.

The teens forged a lasting relationship with one another, learned the value of teamwork, and gained confidence in their own abilities. It was an experience that the Miami Beach teens and their coaches will never forget.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

FOR INFO CALL	OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE
 305.604.CITY	 miamibeachfl.gov

Answer Center
305.604.CITY (2489)

Parking
305.673.PARK (7275)

Mayor/Commission
305.673.7030

Job Hotline
305.673.7777

City Manager
305.673.7010

Tourism Hotline
305.673.7400

Police (Non-Emergency)
305.673.7900

Sanitation/Garbage
305.673.7616

Fire (Non-Emergency)
305.673.7120

Bulky Waste Pickup
305.471.4444

Parks & Recreation
305.673.7730

Water & Sewer (24 hr)
305.673.7625

Cultural Affairs Program and the Cultural Arts Council announce

2006/2007 Cultural Grants Applications Now Available

Guidelines and applications are available at www.mbculture.org and at the Cultural Affairs Program office, 555 17 Street, courtyard entrance.

DID YOU KNOW?

Instead of getting in line, you can go online to miamibeachfl.gov for many services available 24 hours a day, such as our "Better Place" system that provides 24-hour customer service access.